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**For: Valve Gated Nozzle Having a Valve
Pin With a Sensor**

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Art Unit: 1722

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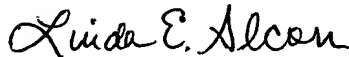
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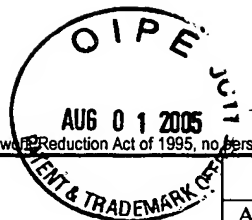


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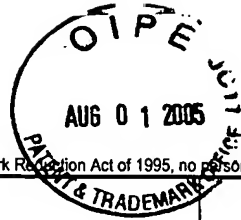
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